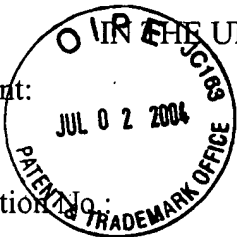


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Applicants received the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency for the referenced application indicating inconsistencies between the Brief Description of the Drawings in the Specification and the Drawings filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 2003.

The Notice indicates that Figures 35A, 35B and 35C are listed in the Brief Description but not contained in the Drawings. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office did receive all 171 sheets of Drawings submitted on December 3, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 5, 2003 as indicated by the date-stamped postcard receipt. However, Applicants hereby transmit replacement Drawings 35A, 35B and 35C. This submission corrects the aforementioned inconsistency.

The Notice further indicates that Figures 30C-30F, 31C-31I, 43C, 44D, and 94C-94 [sic] are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description. Applicants hereby submit a copy of the Amendment Under § 1.312 filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 5, 2003 as indicated by the date-stamped postcard receipt. This Amendment specifically addressed amending the Brief Description of Drawings for Figures 31C-31I, 43C, 44D and 94C-94J.

In particular, the Amendment replaced the paragraph at page 8, lines 23-24 as follows to describe Figures 30C-30F:

~~Figures 30A and 30B~~ Figures 30A-30F show a comparison of the nucleotide sequence of human FATP1 (SEQ ID NO:28) and the nucleotide sequence of mouse FATP1 (SEQ ID NO:29).

The Amendment replaced the paragraph at page 8, lines 27-29 as follows to describe Figures 31A-31I:

~~Figures 31A and 31B~~ Figures 31A-31I show a comparison of the nucleotide sequence of human FATP4 (SEQ ID NO:30) and the nucleotide sequence of mouse FATP4 (SEQ ID NO:31).

The Amendment replaced the paragraph at page 10, lines 12-13 as follows to describe Figure 43C:

~~Figure 43B~~ Figure 43C ~~is shows~~ the amino acid sequence of mouse FATP4 protein (SEQ ID NO:45).

The Amendment replaced the paragraph at page 11, lines 14-15 as follows to describe Figure 44D:

~~Figures 44A, 44B, and 44C are~~ 44A-44D show the hsFATP1 DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO:46). Coding region: 175-2115 (1941 nt).

The Amendment replaced the paragraph at page 13, lines 9-11 as follows to describe Figures 94C-94J:

~~Figures 94A and 94B~~ 94A - 94J are a representation of the DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO:101) of the hsFATP5 gene, and the amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:102) of the hsFATP5 protein.

Copies of the previously submitted Figures and § 1.312 Amendment puts this application in condition for issuance.